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 Federal Communications Commission
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 Washington, D C 20554

Ms Irene Flannery
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 Washington, D C. 20037

RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

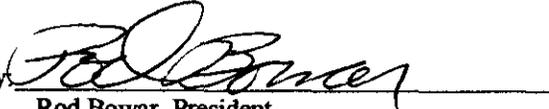
Dear Ms. Dortch and Ms Flannery:

In connection with its annual universal service fund data submission, Kennebec Telephone Company hereby provides written notice that it meets the 14 percent telecommunications plant in service trigger for the following study area for period year end December 2002 and, therefore, qualifies for safety net additive support

Study Area Name	State	Study Area Code
Kennebec Telephone Company	South Dakota	391668

Respectfully submitted,

KENNEBEC TELEPHONE COMPANY

By: 
 Rod Bowar, President

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